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**Expedited Procedure Requested  
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Raymond J. WONG	)	Examiner: Krishnan S. Menon
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Application No.: 09/996,505	)	Group Art Unit: 1723
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Filed: November 28, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 2941
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Docket No.: 3192-002	)	Customer No.: 33432

For: CARTRIDGES USEFUL IN CLEANING DIALYSIS SOLUTIONS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the final Office Action dated December 3, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before May 3, 2004.